

# Wichita Eagle

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It is reported that the Rock Island company has lately purchased a large body of coal lands near Trinidad, Col., and will extend one of its Kansas lines to Trinidad next year.

An exchange very aptly says: Scratch a southern Alliance leader and you find him grateful. He has an itch for office. In this respect, however, the southern Alliance member is not dissimilar from his brother in the north. That is usually the first symptom of the ailment.

Of course there will be a new national party in 1892, the backbone of which will be the horny-handed farmers of the country, says the Topeka Democrat. If so, the Eagle will wage a peck of peanuts that the esteemed will aspire to be the organ of the Kansas contingent.

Electioneer, the great Palo Alto stallion, died last Wednesday night, Dec. 3. He was the sire of some of the most noted race horses on the continent, Sunol, 210, being among them. Electioneer was the property of Senator Stanford at the time of his death, and had been for several years.

Tascott will crawl a few feet further into the hole in which he is hiding, and draw it as much after him, since the reward offered for him has been increased to \$500,000 and holds good for another twelve months. It looks as if it were meant to make a veritable Rip Van Winkle of Tascott.

The Wichita Eagle, the Resubmission Republican organ, claims that the vote of five represents the Resubmission strength of the state. If that is so, why didn't they all vote for Robinson, too?—Howard Courant.

We don't know. Do you? If they had so voted they would have elected the entire ticket with the same majority that Ives got, wouldn't they?

The Annapolis society of Harper held its first meeting Saturday night. The chief attraction was "Judge McKay's trial, by the boys." The society is composed of thirty members and is strictly private, though the Saturday night meeting was public, and the crowd in attendance is said to have been the largest that has assembled in Harper for some time. The Annapolis promises to create quite a furore in Harper society this season.

There seems to be a firmly rooted conviction in the minds of everybody that President Harrison would veto any scheme looking to the relief of monetary affairs at this time. It seems to us that the great emergency of his administration is at hand and that if he entertains a desire to convince the people that he is equal to anything he will send a supplementary message to congress asking that they without delay take such action as will bring relief to the people of the United States.

Promptly with the coming of cold weather the usual increase in destructive fires began. In New York the fire department had a very lively time of it, and news from other parts of the country is to the same effect. Every year the attention of the public is called to the necessity of extra caution in starting their furnace and stove fires for the winter. Every year, however, the same story of carelessness is repeated, and thousands of dollars of property go up in smoke as a result. Winter is introduced in a very expensive way in our larger cities.

The dispatches announce the failure of the Myers Cotton company, of New Orleans, with liabilities to the amount of \$300,000,000. The same dispatch states that the firm has assets valued at \$2,500,000, and that the firm will resume business and pay out, dollar for dollar, if granted an extension of time by its creditors. It will strike the average business man as rather strange that a concern possessed of such rare business qualifications as that should have failed, particularly when engaged in a business that affords such a per cent of profit—1300 per cent in, say, three months.

Under the present legislative apportionment there are nineteen counties in the western part of the state that are without representation in the legislature and will be until that body makes provision therefor by redistricting the state. The delegates elected in the nineteen counties will probably be given seats in the coming legislature, but they will be so many figureheads, having no votes. The constitutional limit to the legislature is forty members in the senate and 125 members in the house. There are 106 counties in the state, all organized and entitled, under the constitution, to one representative, which would leave nineteen representatives to be apportioned among the twenty-five counties that have two representatives and the five counties that have three at present.

Advocates of the advancement of women to a more active participation in public affairs will derive much encouragement from the vote of the members of the Methodist Episcopal churches of the United States upon the question of the admission of women as lay delegates to the general conference of that denomination. The Philadelphia Methodist says that the returns that have already come in show that the women have carried the day. The general conference still has the privilege of passing upon its membership; but in the face of a large popular vote in favor of the women, that body would probably not feel inclined to refuse seats to the female delegates sent to them by their constituencies. This radical innovation in church government will be watched with much interest by the religious world.

## THAT PREDICTION.

The Wichita Eagle make a prediction that the Republicans in congress must before March 4, pass a free coinage bill and modify the McKinley bill, or the party will not carry more than five states in 1892 and not one of the western states. And the Eagle is about right. We believe in more money, a per capita of \$50 or \$60 will not be too much. With more money prices of farm products will be advanced, and plenty and prosperity will settle over the west as of the east.

## WE TOLD YOU SO—MORE MONEY.

It is most gratifying to note the way in which the leading Republican papers of Kansas, that one year ago were telling the people that the Eagle had hopelessly and irretrievably fallen over into the ranks of the Democratic party, are now advocating in double-headed leaders the very things for which they ostracized us. Notably the Topeka Capital and Leavenworth Times are outpouring Herod, both of which papers hooted at the Eagle's Rebellion and neither one of which ever deigned to quote a single one of the many editorials in which we designated the troubles that were coming to the Republican party. Even the Kansas City Times, the Democratic mouthpiece of three states, published in full, and double headed, a number of the Eagle's articles on "More Money," on "Watered Railway Stocks," on "Consuming Interest," the McKinley bill discriminations, and like matters. But these other papers and many other Republican papers, laughed to scorn the declaration of the Eagle that there was but \$8 or \$10, per capita, of money in actual circulation; citing Windom's windy words to the contrary.

We now ask these papers where would this country have been three weeks ago, at the time of the Barring troubles, had congress failed to give the country that compromise measure for Plumb's free coinage act? We say that there would have ensued a panic and a prostration of values such as this country probably never experienced, in which hundreds of men would have gone to the wall every day this winter. Quoting the language of one of our editorials: "the stringency is world-wide, the depression universal, and this usury-ridden nation of people must have relief in the way of an increase in the volume of currency, must have more and cheaper money, or sweeping bankruptcy will follow." And again: "the supply of all characters and kinds of money is short and the dollar of gold, silver and paper because of relative scarcity, is too dear and of too great purchasing power, enabling the creditor to rob the debtor; the dollar in the pocket of the capitalist being out of all proportion in its power as compared to other values."

Even the Eagle's criticism of the Kansas delegation was received with poor grace. But we must have more money, whatever the Wall Street goldbug, the banker or the creditor may say to the contrary. Not only are the ordinary debtor and the mortgagee classes surely sinking, but the average business interests of the country are hampered and threatened with insolvency, rendering otherwise possible enterprises and movements in the direction of general improvements impossible.

How shall we get it? Make it. Make it through Plumb's free coinage bill, is one way, and a safe way, because it provides for the unquestioned basis of gold and silver, good the world over; make it good for all debts, public and private, and make it of as large a volume as the principal of redemption in coin or in bullion will warrant, even to the doubling of the present circulation; make it, till the holders of the present volume are pressed into disgorging and into investing in reality and in all other non-monetary values. Then confidence will be restored and good times will come. There will be growth and increase in everything and everywhere, instead of the present universal fear of maturing liabilities, distrust of obligations and uneasiness over shrinking and dissipating values.

Make it and there will be a chance, the only chance, for the Republican party in '92. The Leavenworth Times pretends now to fix the exact amount of the proposed increase. That is but guess work. A fixed or stated increase might depreciate or effect the value of the government's "promise to pay" and we want only gold and silver and the "promise to pay" of an equal value. The Capital calls for the amount named in '89 and in '90 by the Eagle, viz. a hundred millions more of national currency. That is at least a safe sum by which to increase, but one which would probably fall far short of the present and continually expanding demand of a rapidly growing nation.

## WHAT MR. GOULD WANTS.

Jay Gould denies the reported interviews published in the eastern papers. Gould's plan is not to advance freight rates in the west, but he wants every road held to the published tariffs, and no favoritism shown to pets and large shippers. In other words, let the state railroad commissioners say what is a fair rate, and then let the roads confine themselves to it. The present plan is, notwithstanding the interstate law, to give such rates to a favored few, whom that enables to crush out small dealers.

## BLAIR'S BLUFF.

This morning's dispatches state that John A. Blair, of Independence, Kan., has made the Cherokee an offer, through Chief Mayes, of \$300,000,000 for the strip of land bearing their name. This offer, if it was in fact made, was no doubt made on behalf of the Cherokee Live Stock association, of which Blair is a member. Efforts have been made in the same direction by that association before, and just at a time or times when the government and Indians were on the eve of consummating a deal, and while such offers could not be accepted by the Indians, they had the effect of breaking off negotiations between the commissioners and Indians and postponing the settlement of the issue. This is undoubtedly the object of the present bid. The government may not have the right to force the acceptance of its offer by the Indians, but it has the right to prevent them from selling their lands to individuals or private corporations. And whether the government comes into full possession of the strip or not, it is certain that it will not be occupied by white men again, either under leases or purchased from the Indians, and not until it is opened for white settlement by the government.

## A DOUBTFUL EXPEDIENT.

Capt. John Florer, who has had eighteen years experience in dealing with the Indians, has been interviewed by a Kansas City Journal reporter in regard to the present Indian situation in general and the Cherokee strip in particular. He is reported to have said that "if the Cherokees refuse to accept the liberal offer made by the government for the strip to settlement and then negotiate with the Indians, is the proper thing to do." That the government has the power to do that nobody will deny, but that it has the right, moral, legal or other, is just as patent. The very fact that the government offers the Indians any sum is an admission that their claim to the land in question is valid, and if so, the government has no more right to confiscate it (for that is what such an act as that proposed would be) than it has to arbitrarily take the property of a citizen in time of peace. Urgent as the popular demand is for the opening of the strip, the emergency is not so great as to call for such arbitrary action on the part of the government. We have not seen the plan in detail that the redoubtable captain refers to, but think Judge Perkins has been misquoted. We are aware that Mr. Perkins is the champion and recognized leader in this movement to secure the opening of the Indian lands to settlement, but we think he is wrong in the instance herein cited if he is correctly quoted.

## PROSCRIBING CONSCIENCE.

Resolved: That we, the national farmers alliance of America, believing that obedience and veneration for the laws of God is the conserving and saving force of human government, we do hereby respectfully request that the direct of the great national fair of 1892 do not desecrate the American Sabbath, by keeping open the gates of the same on the Lord's day.—National Alliance resolution.

The Alliance, as every other society or organization, has the moral right to resolve in favor of or against any and every such question if they choose, but the righteousness of the thing demanded is quite another proposition. In this particular case the complainant has no grounds of complaint that any other class or community. The farmer portion of the Alliance has nothing to complain of if the exposition is opened Sunday; they will not be called on to attend the great show on Sunday. But large numbers of other laboring people will have to visit the exposition on Sunday or not at all. People whose scruples will prevent them from visiting the exposition on Sunday will have the balance of the week to gratify their curiosity in, but they should consider the interests of those who are so situated that they cannot observe the requirements of such scruples without depriving themselves of the enjoyments and recreations of the rest day; and further, that "the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

The National bank depositaries now hold \$29,580,477 government deposits.

## HARPER ALL RIGHT.

A Harper county correspondent says: "Times have been very close lately, and farmers are yet somewhat behind. We had a good wheat crop this year, and it is bringing a fair price. The large acreage of wheat ever sown in this county has been sown this fall, and it never looked so well at this time of the year as it does now, and if wheat is worth 90 cents a bushel, as it is now, no man in the world, holding a mortgage on a Harper county farm, need lose a cent, unless by his own folly. Farmers are trying hard to get back interest paid up, and in my opinion it is well for investors, holding mortgages in this county, to give a lashed and a good one, and my judgment is that if this is done by the next year there will be no complaint as to our pocket being behind, so far as the farmers' part is concerned."

## PLUMB AND THE PEOPLE.

From the Beloit Gazette.

Senator Plumb introduced his silver free coinage bill last Tuesday. If he will push it to a passage, and devise and carry through some measure to squeeze the water out of the railroad stocks, and solve the problem of decent transportation rates for the people, he can be president in '92, notwithstanding Blaine with his reciprocity and Harrison with his force bill and the tariff. The transportation question is the great problem before the American people today, and no party can ever win again which does not meet it, and decide it in favor of the people, and against Jay Gould and his partners. He holds, today, the prosperity of the great mass of the American people in his hands, practically, under his control. He has thrown off his mask, and defies the business interests of the country, and, if he is not downed by congress, and that right speedily, the people, through the Alliance or in some other way, will put men in power who will settle the matter for all time to come.

Paying an Old Debt.

Prof. Canfield got a chance to scratch Joe Hudson's back the other day in return for the scratching Joe has been doing for him in the last year, and he scratched in a manner that showed that he was up to the business. It was in a speech before the Horticultural society. His topic was "Modern Journalism," a proper subject to be discussed before the growers of apples and gooseberries. In his speech and at the very beginning, he took occasion to hold Hudson's paper up as a model. In fact it looks much as if the speech was made for the purpose of reinstating the Capital in the affections of the grangers who have gone back on it since its uncalled for abuse of the Alliance began. Well, Canfield was only paying an old debt.

Stage Struck.

The intelligence that Eva Ray Hamilton is going on the stage naturally suggests the regretful thought that the stage is always made the sewer from domestic scandal or the penitentiary. There is no reason to suppose this woman has a special talent for the drama. She is merely making capital of her notorious infamy, and taking advantage of the morbid curiosity of the vulgar.

Willing to Try It.

Senator Plumb has already introduced a free coinage bill that is a free coinage bill. It might be a bad thing for the country to have such a law, but with our limited knowledge of finance, we are anxious to have it tried a few years at least.

## SUNFLOWER SHIMMER.

J. R. Burton has a lecture on "Talking." It is his own demonstration. The more doubtful Kansas is in '92, the surer it is of more offices, thereafter. Jerry Simpson says Plumb will have to go in four years. And Jerry? In two.

"All" is an abbreviation for "Alliance." It is appropriate. It takes in everything.

Senator Ingalls thinks the splendid organization of the Alliance surpasses even that of the Catholic church.

John Davis, congressman-elect, was in boyhood days a pupil of Abraham Lincoln in Sangamon county, Illinois.

However consistent in other directions it may be, the Alliance does not allow the office that is seeking a man to escape.

It wouldn't do for all the Alliance men to be Senator. Some of them will have to represent the new congressional district.

The papers that ran a full page portrait of "Willis, our next governor," are just getting able to make an audible whisper. George R. Peck was to deliver an argument for the No-Man's-Land cases before the supreme court at Washington, Monday.

John Willis is the national lecturer for the Alliance. This makes him a national character. And this is a national calamity.

There is a new toy rattle on the market for Christmas. It represents an Alliance man sitting loosely in Senator Ingalls' seat.

Senator Plumb caught the prevailing idea yesterday, says the Washington Post, and dropped a little change in the legislative slot.

Mrs. Lease started out in public life by writing poetry. This fact will gain many sympathizers for her from among the literary folk.

The president's message can be taken as Ben Harrison's most conclusive argument against Senator Plumb's presidential aspirations.

The Topeka State Journal is not an \$2,000 majority Republican paper. It is an anti-McKinley, anti-Lodge, still an anti-Democratic organ.

Attorney General Ives says the decision of an election by drawing lots is illegal. The election of a Republican in Kansas has never been considered illegal.

Judge Horton decided that the delegates can not be admitted. If all Ingalls' enemies are not getting some fun out of the state of affairs, it is their own fault.

Engene Ware has not fully made up his mind to remove to Omaha, but he says he will probably go. It will take him until April to clean up his business affairs in Kansas.

It is not generally known that a dishonorably discharged soldier or a Confederate must be pardoned by the state legislature before he can vote in Kansas. The law is a dead letter.

Tom Ryan was in Topeka Saturday and left for Washington Sunday. Mr. Ryan is described as even slicker than ever. This is perhaps a natural consequence of a long residence among the Greasers.

The New York Sun opposes the McKinley and the election bill, but it doesn't like Grover Cleveland. Charles Dana could move to Kansas and change into a Republican paper and never know the difference.

Manchett, the Osborn county patriot, whom the Alliance elected to the legislature after he had removed to the state of Washington, has returned to Kansas, and says he will serve. There is always somebody to deplore the fact that Kansas has to go out of the state to get men to fill the offices.

Billy Buchanan is a saucy sort of a fellow. In reply to an inquiry as to how he figured out any probability of Ingalls' re-election, he said he was not running an information bureau for the benefit of the Alliance. Nobody in the state is willing to concede the accession of any considerable amount of political capital in the last campaign to Mr. Buchanan.

"There is one question which is of considerable interest in financial circles," a correspondent asked Senator Ingalls recently. "The fear is expressed that this legislature will pass stay laws or effect other legislation which will be detrimental to the interests of investors here. Do you think there is reason for such apprehension?" "It is well to speak of that," Mr. Ingalls answered. "It should be understood that, although the Alliance has obtained overwhelming control of the lower house, the senate remains as it was elected two years ago and is still under Republican control. The members of the senate include many of the brightest minds in the state, and of course the concurrence of both houses would be necessary to that or any other such legislation. Even if it passed both houses, by reason of some of the senators having an eye to re-election two years hence, we have a Republican governor with a veto power. It seems that there is no present cause for uneasiness."

## EXCHANGE SHOTS.

The New Silver King.

From the Arkansas City Dispatch.

If Plumb's silver bill passes both houses of congress he will be christened "The Silver King."

## A Suggestion.

From the Washington Post.

If the New York Democrats show a true spirit of reciprocity they will choose some able Ohio man for United States senator.

A Fellow-Helper to the Truth.

From the Atchison Champion.

The Wichita Eagle makes a strong plea for free coinage and the Champion gladly stands at its side to help on the good work.

## Evidently.

From the Globe-Democrat.

"What the Republican party wants is not legislation to give it more votes in the south, but legislation to bring back the votes it has lost in the north."

The Eagle Gives Thanks Daily.

From the Sterling Bulletin.

Keep your eye on Senator Plumb. Keep your eye on the remaining session of the present congress, and you will learn just what the people of the west want, and will have, if he can get it.

## A Senatorial P for a Pilos.

From the Kansas City Star.

## Our Flowers will Bloom in the Spring.

From the Oxford Morning Herald.

There was a pyramid of flowers on the speaker's desk when congress opened Monday. The editor of the Wichita Eagle has not yet been accused of sending them in. In fact we do not believe they were Kansas flowers, anyway, or they would not have been there.

What Caused It?

From the Kansas City Gazette.

Every other man has been occupied since election telling how it happened. Senator Eliason of Atchison, says it all came about because the state senate refused to pass the meat inspection bill. This inspection business has since been knocked out by a dozen courts. Sol Miller says it all happened because we wanted free Mexican ore. Then folks had better listen to "these parts."

Wichita Excepted.

From the Atchison Champion.

If any one is not fully aware of the fact that Atchison is the most prosperous city on the Missouri river, or, for that matter, in the west, let him first go to Kansas City, then to Leavenworth, then to Hutchinson, then to Topeka, or any other town he likes, and make a comparison. More men in proportion to our population are making money than in any other city in Kansas.

How Blaine Looks.

Washington Cor. New York Tribune.

I saw Mr. Blaine this morning in his house on Lafayette park. He appears to have taken on a new lease of energy, and is now looking much as he did ten years ago. His eyes are bright and clear, the paleness of his complexion, which was so marked during his visit to Europe, has changed to the ruddy glow of a man who lives much out of doors; his appearance betokens more than ordinary good health, and there is a buoyancy and alertness in his manner equal to the physical vigor of his best years.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

Kingfisher's new jail will cost \$500 when completed.

The church at Downs will be turned into a school house.

The town of Moore has a G. A. R. post of twenty members.

Purcell organized an I. O. O. F. lodge last Friday evening.

Stillwater is the first town to announce a proposed Christmas tree.

Oklaoma's Italian climate has packed its carpet-bag on a trip southward.

The greatest demand in Oklahoma is for good dwelling houses to rent.

J. C. Hill, of the Kingfisher Journal is the youngest editor in Oklahoma.

The farmers of Oklahoma county have effected a "farmer's organization."

All capital legislation will be over, for a while, at least, inside of twelve days.

An attempt was made to rob the postoffice safe at Norman, last Friday night.

Seventeen prize school boys one string passed through Edmond on Wednesday.

Walter Ellis is now the sole editor and proprietor of the Kingfisher New World.

Last week a panther weighing 185 pounds was killed in the Choctaw Nation.

We forgot to be thankful that the gentlemen's time wasn't extended again by the president.

The legislature has proven that the first few weeks it lacked nothing more than application.

Venison is very cheap in Oklahoma. This knocks out the old pun about it being "deer."

Liberal is two and a half miles north of Beaver county, Oklahoma. It has 350 inhabitants.

One Oklahoma man is going to demonstrate that a man can live on turnips and water for a month.

Unless it gets cooler, the Oklahoma moonlight will melt the icicles off of Santa Claus' whiskers.

The popular question in Oklahoma is: "Who of the territorial legislature has made the best record?"

The Norman church row is not ended. Rev. C. C. Hembree will sue for damages at the next term of court.

Payne (the school) stopped his paper this week and sixteen new subscribers have taken his place.

The Edmond Sun thinks the Oklahoma farmer must suspend or bust. This is a little hard—harder than it is true.

You have to look some where else besides the Kingfisher papers to discover that the capital is not located at Kingfisher.

The legislators will have a chance to feel the pulse of the people who have been watching the legislative proceedings, at the next election.

It is something of a coincidence that the first delegate Kansas ever sent to Washington and Oklahoma's first delegate should be co-laborers.

The editor of the Payne Hawk has announced a fondness for turkey and chicken. And if the truth were known he probably would not object to a little "Old Crow," either.

Kansas City Star: It is almost needless to state that Editor Greer who pommelled an Oklahoma silverite in the presence of the "conscript fathers," is a native Kansan.

St. Reno has 100 Indian scouts who receive \$25 per month, also board and clothing. St. Bill has 25 under similar conditions. At El Reno there are 35 Indian police who receive the same provisions and \$12 per month.

It's Fatal.

From the Hazelton Express.

The fact that the Oklahoma legislature has passed a law granting the right of suffrage to women is liable to make anti-woman suffragists hustle around and try to get factories established in the west which will give employment to women of ambitious desires other than multiplying and replenishing the human family. American, and especially western women are energetic, and it will be hard to keep them out of politics unless kept busy at some suitable employment. Can the Wichita Eagle see a "way out."

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